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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

For:

HULL, W., et al.

Serial No. 10/644,704

Filed: August 19, 2003

COMBINATION VALVE AND

REGULATOR FOR USE WITH

PRESSURIZED GAS CYLINDERS,:

PARTICULARLY OXYGEN

Group Art Unit: 3753

Examiner: Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, before examination, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for the above application.

Applicant is a small entity (claimed under 37 CFR 1.27)

A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this filing.

Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment.

CALCULATION OF ADDITIONAL CLAIM AND/OR EXTENSION FEES:

	Remaining CLAIMS: after Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	ENTITY RATE Small OR Large		FEE RATE
TOTAL	49	MINUS	40	9	x \$9 x \$18	=	\$81 \$
INDEP.	5	MINUS	3	2	x \$42 x \$84	=	\$84 \$
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+ \$140 + \$280	=	\$ \$

EXTENSION FEES

(One month = \$55 OR \$110, Two months = \$200 OR 400, Three months = \$460 OR \$920) MONTH(S)=

TOTAL \$165

A check in the amount of \$165 is attached.

Check includes extension of time fee.

No extension of time is required, check is for claim fees only.

For the Commissioner's convenience this transmittal is submitted in duplicate. If any additional fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-4213. Please refund any overpayments.

Dated: December 15, 2003

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